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John R. Lindgren, had that day given to Northwestern University a fund of twenty-five thousand dollars for the purpose of founding a permanent series of lectures on peace, of securing the annual payment of prizes for essays upon questions of international peace, and of promoting interdenominational fellowship among churches.

Just as the speaking at the banquet in the Gold Room was about to close, Hon. Richard Bartholdt made one of the most practical suggestions presented in the Congress. It was that everywhere throughout the United States peace committees and societies be organized by congressional districts with a view to encouraging legislation in Congress in favor of peace measures and of the limitation of armaments, the district societies to be organized later, as the movement becomes more popular, into state societies, until the whole country becomes one great national peace association which shall exert an influence which will be felt throughout the world. With this suggestion in mind, deeply impressed also by the many inspiring speeches of the week, the workers who were gathered at Chicago from more than thirty States of the Union went back to their homes resolved to do their utmost in the future for the promotion of international peace.

Peace Society of the City of New York.

Notes of the Annual Meeting.

BY WILLIAM H. SHORT, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the New York Peace Society on April 21 was the largest and most important which the Society has held. A report of the work of the office was read by W. H. Short, on meetings held by the Society during the year by Rev. Frederick Lynch, for the treasurer by Mr. Marcus M. Marks, and on the policy of the Society by Prof. Samuel T. Dutton. Professor Dutton said in part:

"I wish to call attention briefly to some of the tasks which lie before us and the opportunities which are open to the Society for future work.

"First, our staff of speakers needs to be greatly enlarged so that we can more readily supply the demands which come to us from churches, clubs and other organizations for addresses. There is abundance of talent in New York, and many men and women of ability can be enlisted in this work. Our speakers should meet together and discuss the subject-matter for propaganda and the best methods of presenting it to the public. Nothing is more desirable than that those who represent the peace cause should entertain broad and generous views of the international movement, and should make those appeals which should tend not to antagonize, but rather to win the patriotic support of all good citizens.

"Second, our literary bureau needs to be developed. The printing press is the great modern means of publicity. In this great city, the home of so many literary people, we should enlist those who can write forcibly, whose articles will be accepted in our best papers and periodicals. A part of this work would consist in finding proper channels for the publication of such material as can be produced.

"The Peace Society of the city of New York, organized in the metropolis of this greatest republic, should take a commanding position not only in the country, but

in the world. It should illustrate what can be done by way of perfect and efficient organization; it may properly reach out to the larger cities of New York State and organize branch societies, which may work in coöperation with us; it should labor unceasingly to bring the press of the city to take a sympathetic, constructive and sincere attitude toward the international movement; it should appeal strongly to all clergymen, educators, statesmen and leaders in industry and commerce; for the cause for which we work is just and reasonable, and no good man, when once he understands it, can hesitate to join with us.

"It would not be difficult to form a group of men of such commanding influence and authority that they would be heard in Washington, and it may be that our Society, having as its president one of the most respected and most powerful friends of peace in the world, ought to initiate such a movement. Such a body could easily get into conference, not merely with Senators and Representatives, who need to be urged and quickened to moderate and conservative courses, but they could gain the ear of the Chief Executive, and I am sure they would be heard with consideration and gratitude. I believe the people of this republic, in so far as they understand it, are much troubled about the present policy of exhausting our national treasury for the sake of vying in armament with those nations which from their earliest existence have depended upon the power of force. Moreover, in accordance with the most fundamental of all our aims, our Society owes a duty, not merely to this city and State and to the country as a whole, but to those nations, especially England and Germany, which seem to be inextricably entangled in the meshes of international misunderstanding, suspicion and fear."

Addresses were made by Mlle. R. V. D. Veer de Vere and by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the president of the Society. Mr. Carnegie's address, "The Wrong Path," was given nearly in full in the May *ADVOCATE OF PEACE*, and was widely reported in the press of the country.

After the delivery of Mr. Carnegie's speech, the following resolutions were introduced by Mr. Horace White, formerly of the New York *Evening Post*, and adopted unanimously by the Society:

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of the Peace Society of New York, the rivalry between Britain and Germany in constructing ships of war, the action of one being contingent upon that of the other, affects the position of the other naval powers so seriously as to call for their prompt consideration.

"*Resolved*, That it should not be permissible for any power to compel all other naval powers to increase their armaments correspondingly, or, as the only alternative, to permit themselves to become practically defenseless.

"*Resolved*, That we earnestly hope that the President of our Republic, whose peace-loving Congress has repeatedly refused to build more than one-half of the battleships asked for by the Executive, may find it advisable to take the question into serious consideration with a view to exert his vast influence to avert either of the two alternatives stated.

"*Resolved*, That in the League of Peace, suggested by the Prime Minister of Britain to the last Peace Conference in London, this Society sees the true and most feasible solution of the problem."

The annual dues of the Society were by unanimous vote increased and classified as follows: Annual membership, \$2.00 a year; associate membership, \$5.00 a year; sustaining membership, \$10.00 a year; life membership, \$100.00 (whenever the amount of the annual

subscription received from any annual, associate or sustaining member reaches the sum of \$100.00, he shall thereupon become a life member; contributing membership, \$25.00 a year; subscription membership, \$50.00 a year; patrons, \$100.00 a year or more.

It was voted that the Society should be incorporated at an early date.

During the month of April the Society lost two of its most valued friends and supporters, Señorita Carolina Huidobro and the Hon. Samuel J. Barrows. The Executive Secretary was requested to send a letter of condolence to the relatives and friends of the deceased, expressing the Society's recognition and deep appreciation of their notable services in the cause of peace. Letters were accordingly sent and a copy of each placed in the permanent records of the Society.

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